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WIFA Chairman Owens Announces “Best Financial Assistance Project of the Year” for City of Williams in Coconino County

PHOENIX (Jan. 15, 2009) – Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) of Arizona Chairman Steve Owens announced today that WIFA is awarding the City of Williams with the WIFA “Best Financial Assistance Project of the Year” award for a new wastewater treatment plant.

WIFA provided the City with a \$7.5 million loan to build a new treatment plant that can process almost a million gallons of wastewater daily, double the system’s previous capacity. The system serves about 3,150 residents of the northern Arizona city.

The new plant connects with the existing facility, which continues to store seasonal effluent and supplies a nearby golf course with B+ grade treated effluent. The project also includes a new monitoring and control system and a new laboratory.

The award is one of three major WIFA statewide awards presented to some of Arizona’s best, and most creative, water districts.

“The City of Williams has taken a big step toward protecting its water resources and providing the infrastructure to support future growth and development,” said Chairman Owens, who is also the Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). “This award recognizes the important work that Williams is doing to plan for the future.”

WIFA maintains and improves water quality in Arizona by providing communities and private water systems with access to low-interest financial assistance as well as technical assistance for water infrastructure. For more information please visit WIFA’s Web site at www.azwifa.gov.